



## MARYLAND LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

Maryland League of Conservation Voters distributes our “hotlist” every week, to make sure you know the bills that we are tracking, where they are in the process, and what the environmental position is. Maryland LCV also produces a scorecard at the end of every legislative Session. Scores are drawn from all public record votes (Committee, Floor, Amendment) on every bill that we are tracking.

**While not every bill is scored, any bill on our hotlist, or any vote that we communicate with you about by e-mail or through this Hotlist may be scored.**

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### Hot List WEEK of March 4, 2019

The Maryland League of Conservation Voters is pleased to present the "Hot List" – a detailed list of environmental legislation moving through the Maryland General Assembly. Usually, our volunteers will deliver the Hot List to your office every Tuesday; it will also be emailed to your office. We hope you find this weekly communication helpful and instructive as you tackle important environmental bills this session. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Harbeson at [kharbeson@mdlcv.org](mailto:kharbeson@mdlcv.org) or 410-280-9855, extension 202.

## Maryland House of Delegates

### Appropriations Committee

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0100/SB0125 – <a href="#">Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2020)</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	We will oppose rollbacks to the legislative legacy of healthy air, clean water, and unpolluted lands. We must remain vigilant in protecting key environmental programs such as Program Open Space, the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bay Trust Fund, and the Bay Restoration Fund, as well as critical resources needed for enforcement and program implementation at the Departments of Environment, Agriculture, Transportation, Planning, Natural Resources and Energy.
<b>Status:</b>	First Reading – Appropriations
<b>Position:</b>	Monitor
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Speaker/President (by request of the Administration)



<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB136/ SB314: <a href="#">Maryland Sustainable Buildings Act of 2019</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Requires the Department of General Services to establish standards for State buildings to minimize adverse impacts on birds. In addition to protecting migratory birds, these standards promote energy efficiency and cost-reduction.
<b>Status:</b>	Already Heard – Health and Government Operations and Appropriations
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Hill/ Sens. Lam and Guzzone

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0504 – <a href="#">Purchase of Motor Vehicles and Building Construction, Renovation, Rehabilitation, and Modifications – Social Cost of Carbon Emissions</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Requires the Department of General Services to factor in the social cost of carbon when deciding upon vehicle purchases, and in evaluating the construction, or major renovation or rehabilitation, of a building or facility.
<b>Status:</b>	Already Heard – Appropriations
<b>Position:</b>	Monitor
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Charkoudian

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0695/SB0788: <a href="#">Transportation Climate Accountability Act of 2019</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Requires the Department of the Environment to study the environmental impacts of certain public-private partnership projects before submitting a pre-solicitation report, including the impacts on greenhouse gas emissions, and on air and water quality.
<b>Status:</b>	Already Heard – Environment and Transportation and Appropriations
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Stewart/Sen. Rosapepe

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB1118: <a href="#">Use of Public Funds - Playground and Athletic Field Surfaces - Authorizations, Preferences, and Prohibitions</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Prohibits use of state funds for building a field or playground using artificial turf or ground cover made from plastic, rubber, or tires; requires state and local governmental units to give preference to state-of-the-art natural materials when building publicly-funded fields and playgrounds; and specifies that certain state funds may be used to maintain grass athletic fields and associated drainage systems.
<b>Status:</b>	Hearing 3/12 at 1:00pm – Appropriations
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Solomon

## Economic Matters Committee

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0109/SB0285: <a href="#">Environment – Expanded Polystyrene Food Service Products – Prohibition</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Prohibiting the sale of Expanded Polystyrene products, including cups, plates, and “to-go” clam shells.
<b>Status:</b>	Already Heard – Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Lierman/Sen. Kagan



<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0277/SB0249: <a href="#">Regional Transportation and Climate Protection Act of 2019</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Authorizes the Maryland Governor to enter Maryland into a cross-state regional program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the transportation sector.
<b>Status:</b>	Hearing 3/6 at 1:00pm – Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Korman/Sen. Lam

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0308: <a href="#">Public Service Commission – Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity – Rapid Health Impact Assessment and Final Action</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Requires applicants for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity before the Public Service Commission to complete a rapid health impact assessment on the project and report its findings.
<b>Status:</b>	Already Heard – Economic Matters
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. R. Lewis

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0669/SB0387: <a href="#">Pipeline and Water Protection Act of 2019</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Requires the Maryland Department of the Environment to conduct 401 Water Quality Certification permit reviews for all natural gas infrastructure projects.
<b>Status:</b>	Hearing 3/7 at 1:00pm – Economic Matters and Environment and Transportation
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Fraser-Hidalgo/Sen. Zirkin

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0650/ SB0573: <a href="#">Energy Storage Pilot Project Act</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Requires the Public Service Commission to establish a pilot program for energy storage projects, based on the findings of the Power Plant Research Program study released in early February 2019.
<b>Status:</b>	Already Heard – Finance
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Korman/ Sen. Feldman

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB683/SB520: <a href="#">Electricity-Community Solar Energy Generating Systems Pilot Program – Extension</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Requires the Public Service Commission to establish a pilot program for energy storage projects, based on the findings of the Power Plant Research Program study released in early February 2019.
<b>Status:</b>	Already Heard – Economic Matters
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Clippinger/Sen. Kramer

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB879/SB910: <a href="#">Ratepayer Reduction for Renewable Energy Act</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Requires electricity suppliers to utilize long term contracts to purchase a portion of renewable energy and renewable energy credits from eligible sources, including wind, solar, geothermal, ocean, and/or small hydroelectric plants.
<b>Status:</b>	Hearing 3/7 at 1:00pm – Economic Matters
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del Clippinger/Sen. Feldman

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB961: <a href="#">Public Utilities – Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Tier 1 Sources</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Removes waste incineration as a tier one energy source within the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard.
<b>Status:</b>	Hearing 3/8 at 1:00pm – Economic Matters
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Dels. Mosby and R. Lewis



<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB1158/ SB516: <a href="#">Clean Energy Jobs</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Raises the amount of energy Maryland derives from renewable energy sources to 50% by the year 2030; dedicates funding to workforce development programs, especially women-owned, minority-owned, and veteran-owned businesses and expands incentives for solar and wind-energy projects; establishes the requirement for a plan to reach 100% clean energy by the year 2040. <b>We ask for an amendment to phase waste incineration out of tier one energy sources.</b>
<b>Status:</b>	Hearing 3/8 at 1:00pm – Economic Matters
<b>Position:</b>	Support with Amendment



<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB1235/ SB702: <a href="#">Healthy Climate Initiative</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Makes polluters pay a steadily rising fee for emitting carbon pollution. Some of the revenue will be used to invest in vulnerable, front-line communities, and most of it will be returned to Marylanders in a monthly dividend
<b>Status:</b>	Hearing 3/8 at 1:00pm – Economic Matters and Environment and Transportation
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Fraser-Hidalgo/ Sen. Kramer

## Environment and Transportation Committee

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0001/SB0145: <a href="#">Natural Resources – Prohibition on Dredging Buried Oyster Shells on Man-o-War Shoals</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from dredging buried oyster shells on Man-O-War Shoals; and making the Act an emergency measure.
<b>Status:</b>	Already Heard – Environment and Transportation
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Lafferty/ Sen. Klausmeier

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0040: <u><a href="#">Dredging on Man-o-War Shoals – Prohibition</a></u></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from dredging buried oyster shells on Man–O–War Shoals
<b>Status:</b>	Already Heard – Environment and Transportation
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Grammer

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0066/SB0252: <u><a href="#">Railroad Company – Movement of Freight – Required Crew</a></u></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Requires at least two crew members on freight and passenger trains, which ensures safer transport of potentially hazardous materials whose environmental impact to local communities and waterways could be severe in case of derailment.
<b>Status:</b>	Already Heard – Environment and Transportation
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Stein/Sen. Hayes

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0109/SB0285: <u><a href="#">Environment – Expanded Polystyrene Food Service Products – Prohibition</a></u></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Prohibiting the sale of Expanded Polystyrene products, including cups, plates, and “to-go” clam shells
<b>Status:</b>	Already Heard – Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Lierman/Sen. Kagan



<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0117/SB0003: <u><a href="#">Smart Growth Investment Fund</a></u></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Public investment in smart growth is critical to recruiting private capital and overcoming some of the barriers to high-quality, compact development in existing communities. This bill would support the protection of our environment and open spaces through disincentivizing sprawl development.
<b>Status:</b>	Already Heard – Environment and Transportation and Ways and Means
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Lafferty/Sen. Rosapepe

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0120/SB0203: <u><a href="#">Natural Resources – No Net Loss of Forest - Definition</a></u></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Corrects definition of Maryland’s “No Net Loss of Forests” goal to include forests and accurately reflect current state coverage of forest land.
<b>Status:</b>	Already Heard – Environment and Transportation
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Love/Sen. Young

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0190: <u><a href="#">Environment – Failing On-Site Sewage Disposal System - Definition</a></u></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Creates a definition for what constitutes a failing septic system.
<b>Status:</b>	In the House – on Second Reader
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Lafferty

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0272/SB0234: <a href="#">Natural Resources – State and Local Forest Conservation Funds</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Requires local governments to complete the reforestation obligation for which fees were paid and provides for increased transparency and accountability in fee-in-lieu programs.
<b>Status:</b>	In the House – On Third Reader
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Lafferty/Sen. Young

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0275/SB0270: <a href="#">Pesticides – Use of Chlorpyrifos – Prohibition</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Bans the use of Chlorpyrifos – a toxic nerve agent pesticide proven to cause brain damage to children, poison farm workers, contaminate waterways, and harm wildlife.
<b>Status:</b>	Already Heard - Environment and Transportation Committee
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Stein/Sen. Nathan-Pulliam

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0277/SB0249: <a href="#">Regional Transportation and Climate Protection Act of 2019</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Authorizes the Maryland Governor to enter Maryland into a cross-state regional program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the transportation sector.
<b>Status:</b>	Hearing 3/6 at 1:00pm – Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Korman/Sen. Lam

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0298/ SB0448: <a href="#">Oysters – Tributary-Scale Sanctuaries – Protection and Restoration</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Provides permanent protection of restored oyster sanctuaries in five tributaries, protecting public investments and serving as oyster nurseries.
<b>Status:</b>	Already Heard – Environment and Transportation
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Busch/Sen. Pinsky

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0377: <a href="#">Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Zones - Revisions</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Redefines the current definition of a SAV Protection Zone to include all grass beds with a density greater than 10% as mapped by the Virginia Institute of Marine Science annual aerial surveys.
<b>Status:</b>	Already Heard - Environment and Transportation Committee
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Gilchrist



<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB472: <a href="#">Constitutional Amendment – Environmental Rights</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Establishes a provision within the Maryland Bill of Rights for a constitutionally protected right to a safe, healthy environment, in order to create lasting protections for breathable air and drinkable water. This amendment would make the state a fiduciary for equal access to a healthy environment for present and future generations of Marylanders.
<b>Status:</b>	Already Heard – Environment and Transportation
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Lafferty

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0669/SB0387: <a href="#">Pipeline and Water Protection Act of 2019</a></b>
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<b>Status:</b>	Hearing 3/7 at 1:00pm – Economic Matters and Environment and Transportation
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Fraser-Hidalgo/Sen. Zirkin

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0695/SB0788: <a href="#">Transportation Climate Accountability Act of 2019</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Requires the Department of the Environment to study the environmental impacts of certain public-private partnership projects before submitting a pre-solicitation report, including the impacts on greenhouse gas emissions, and on air and water quality.
<b>Status:</b>	Hearing 2/26 at 1:00pm – Environment and Transportation and Appropriations
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Stewart/Sen. Rosapepe

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0735/SB0729: <a href="#">Task Force on Forest Conservation in Maryland</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Creates a Task Force including a diverse group of stakeholders to study deforestation patterns and make recommendations to offset forest loss.
<b>Status:</b>	Already Heard – Environment and Transportation
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Healey/Sen. Guzonne

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB1142: <a href="#">Environment – Hazardous Materials – Disposal of Synthetic Turf and Turf Infill</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Specifies that when synthetic turf and turf infill is disposed of, this must be done in a manner that does not result in air, soil, or water contamination; establishes recycling standards for when synthetic turf and turf infill are recycled for reuse; and requires the Department of the Environment to establish a chain-of-custody tracking system for synthetic turf and turf infill from generation to disposal/reuse.
<b>Status:</b>	Hearing 3/8 at 1:00pm –Environment and Transportation
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Lehman

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB1235/ SB702: <a href="#">Healthy Climate Initiative</a></b>
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<b>Status:</b>	Hearing 3/8 at 1:00pm – Economic Matters and Environment and Transportation
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Fraser-Hidalgo/ Sen. Kramer

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB1255: <a href="#">School Bus Purchasing – Zero-Emission Vehicle - Requirement</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Requires that, beginning October 1, 2022, that all school buses purchased by county boards of education be a zero-emission vehicle, and that all school buses purchased by companies contracted with county boards be zero-emission vehicles.
<b>Status:</b>	Hearing 3/7 at 1:00pm – Ways and Means and Environment and Transportation
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Fraser-Hidalgo



## Health and Government Operations

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB136/ SB314: <a href="#">Maryland Sustainable Buildings Act of 2019</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Requires the Department of General Services to establish standards for State buildings to minimize adverse impacts on birds. In addition to protecting migratory birds, these standards promote energy efficiency and cost-reduction.
<b>Status:</b>	Already Heard – Health and Government Operations and Appropriations
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Hill/ Sens. Guzzone and Lam

## Rules and Executive Nominations

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0246: <a href="#">General Assembly – Fiscal Notes – Environmental Impact Statements</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Requires analysis of environmental and climate impacts of proposed legislation to be included in fiscal notes submitted in consideration with bills before the General Assembly.
<b>Status:</b>	Already Heard – House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Shetty



## Ways and Means

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0117/SB0003: <a href="#">Smart Growth Investment Fund</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Public investment in smart growth is critical to recruiting private capital and overcoming some of the barriers to high-quality, compact development in existing communities. This bill would support the protection of our environment and open spaces through disincentivizing sprawl development.
<b>Status:</b>	Already Heard – Environment and Transportation and Ways and Means
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Lafferty/Sen. Rosapepe

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<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Fraser-Hidalgo



## Maryland Senate

### Budget and Taxation Committee

<b>Title:</b>	<b>SB0125/HB0100 – <a href="#">Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2020)</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	We will oppose rollbacks to the legislative legacy of healthy air, clean water, and unpolluted lands. We must remain vigilant in protecting key environmental programs such as Program Open Space, the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bay Trust Fund, and the Bay Restoration Fund, as well as critical resources needed for enforcement and program implementation at the Departments of Environment, Agriculture, Transportation, Planning, Natural Resources and Energy.
<b>Status:</b>	First Reading – Budget and Taxation
<b>Position:</b>	Monitor
<b>Sponsor:</b>	President/Speaker (by request of the Administration)



### Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

<b>Title:</b>	<b>SB0145/ HB0001: <a href="#">Natural Resources – Prohibition on Dredging Buried Oyster Shells on Man-o-War Shoals</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from dredging buried oyster shells on Man–O–War Shoals; and making the Act an emergency measure.
<b>Status:</b>	Already Heard – Education, Health and Environmental Affairs
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Sen. Klausmeier/ Del. Lafferty

<b>Title:</b>	<b>SB0203/ HB0120: <a href="#">Natural Resources – No Net Loss of Forest - Definition</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Corrects definition of Maryland’s “No Net Loss of Forests” goal to include forests and accurately reflect current state coverage of forest land.
<b>Status:</b>	Already Heard – Education, Health and Environmental Affairs
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Sen. Young/Del. Love

<b>Title:</b>	<b>SB0234/ HB0272: <a href="#">Natural Resources – State and Local Forest Conservation Funds</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Requires local governments to complete the reforestation obligation for which fees were paid and provides for increased transparency and accountability in fee-in-lieu programs.
<b>Status:</b>	In the House – First Reading Environment and Transportation
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Sen. Young/ Del. Lafferty

<b>Title:</b>	<b>SB0249/ HB0277: <a href="#">Regional Transportation and Climate Protection Act of 2019</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Authorizes the Maryland Governor to enter Maryland into a cross-state regional program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the transportation sector.
<b>Status:</b>	Already Heard - Education, Health and Environmental Affairs
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Sen. Lam/ Del. Korman

<b>Title:</b>	<b>SB0270/HB0275: <a href="#">Pesticides – Use of Chlorpyrifos - Prohibition</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Bans the use of Chlorpyrifos – a toxic nerve agent pesticide proven to cause brain damage to children, poison farm workers, contaminate waterways, and harm wildlife.
<b>Status:</b>	Hearing 2/27 at 1:00pm – Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Sen. Nathan-Pulliam/Del. Stein

<b>Title:</b>	<b>SB0285/HB0109: <a href="#">Environment – Expanded Polystyrene Food Service Products – Prohibition</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Prohibiting the sale of Expanded Polystyrene products, including cups, plates, and “to-go” clam shells
<b>Status:</b>	In the Senate – On Third Reader
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Sen. Kagan/Del. Lierman

<b>Title:</b>	<b>SB0314/ HB0136: <a href="#">Maryland Sustainable Buildings Act of 2019</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Requires the Department of General Services to establish standards for State buildings to minimize adverse impacts on birds. In addition to protecting migratory birds, these standards promote energy efficiency and cost-reduction.
<b>Status:</b>	In the Senate – On Third Reader
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Sens. Guzzone and Lam/ Del. Hill

<b>Title:</b>	<b>SB0387/ HB0669: <a href="#">Pipeline and Water Protection Act of 2019</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Requires the Maryland Department of the Environment to conduct 401 Water Quality Certification permit reviews for all natural gas infrastructure projects.
<b>Status:</b>	Already Heard – Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Sen. Zirkin/Del. Fraser-Hidalgo

<b>Title:</b>	<b>SB0448/ HB0298: <a href="#">Oysters – Tributary-Scale Sanctuaries – Protection and Restoration</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Provides permanent protection of restored oyster sanctuaries in five tributaries, protecting public investments and serving as oyster nurseries.
<b>Status:</b>	Hearing 2/27 at 1:00pm – Education, Health and Environmental Affairs
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Sen. Pinsky/ Del. Busch

<b>Title:</b>	<b>SB0729/ HB0735: <a href="#">Task Force on Forest Conservation in Maryland</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Creates a Task Force including a diverse group of stakeholders to study deforestation patterns and make recommendations to offset forest loss.
<b>Status:</b>	Already Heard – Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Sen. Guzzone/ Del. Healey

<b>Title:</b>	<b>SB0788/ HB0695: <a href="#">Transportation Climate Accountability Act of 2019</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Requires the Department of the Environment to study the environmental impacts of certain public-private partnership projects before submitting a pre-solicitation report, including the impacts on greenhouse gas emissions, and on air and water quality.
<b>Status:</b>	Hearing 2/27 at 1:00pm – Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Sen. Rosapepe/ Del. Stewart

## Finance Committee

<b>Title:</b>	<b>SB0003/HB0117: <a href="#">Smart Growth Investment Fund</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Public investment in smart growth is critical to recruiting private capital and overcoming some of the barriers to high-quality, compact development in existing communities. This bill would support the protection of our environment and open spaces through disincentivizing sprawl development.
<b>Status:</b>	Already Heard– Finance
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Sen. Rosapepe/Del. Lafferty

<b>Title:</b>	<b>SB0252/ HB0066: <a href="#">Railroad Company – Movement of Freight – Required Crew</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Requires at least two crew members on freight and passenger train, which ensures safer transport of potentially hazardous materials whose environmental impact to local communities and waterways could be severe in case of derailment.
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<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Sen. Hayes/ Del. Stein

<b>Title:</b>	<b>SB516/HB1158: <a href="#">Clean Energy Jobs</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Raises the amount of energy Maryland derives from renewable energy sources to 50% by the year 2030; dedicates funding to workforce development programs, especially women-owned, minority-owned, and veteran-owned businesses; phases waste incineration out of tier one energy sources and expands incentives for solar and wind-energy projects; establishes the requirement for a plan to reach 100% clean energy by the year 2040.
<b>Status:</b>	Hearing 3/5 at 1:00pm – Finance
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Sen. Feldman



<b>Title:</b>	<b>SB520/ HB683: <a href="#">Electricity-Community Solar Energy Generating Systems Pilot Program – Extension</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Requires the Public Service Commission to establish a pilot program for energy storage projects, based on the findings of the Power Plant Research Program study released in early February 2019.
<b>Status:</b>	Hearing 3/8 at 1:00pm – Finance
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Sen. Kramer/ Del. Clippinger

<b>Title:</b>	<b>SB548: <a href="#">Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Eligible Sources</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Removes waste incineration as a tier one energy source within the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard.
<b>Status:</b>	Hearing 3/5 at 1:00pm – Finance
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Sen. Hough



<b>Title:</b>	<b>SB0573/ HB0650: <a href="#">Energy Storage Pilot Project Act</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Requires the Public Service Commission to establish a pilot program for energy storage projects, based on the findings of the Power Plant Research Program study released in early February 2019.
<b>Status:</b>	Hearing 3/5 at 1:00pm – Finance
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Sen. Feldman/Del. Korman

<b>Title:</b>	<b>SB0702/ HB1235: <a href="#">Healthy Climate Initiative</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Makes polluters pay a steadily rising fee for emitting carbon pollution. Some of the revenue will be used to invest in vulnerable, front-line communities, and most of it will be returned to Marylanders in a monthly dividend
<b>Status:</b>	Hearing 3/5 at 1:00pm – Economic Matters and Environment and Transportation
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Sen. Kramer/ Del. Fraser-Hidalgo

<b>Title:</b>	<b>SB910/ HB879: <a href="#">Ratepayer Reduction for Renewable Energy Act</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Requires electricity suppliers to utilize long term contracts to purchase a portion of renewable energy and renewable energy credits from eligible sources, including wind, solar, geothermal, ocean, and/or small hydroelectric plants.
<b>Status:</b>	Re-Referred to Finance
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Sen. Feldman/ Del. Clippinger

### Maryland Green Champions Award

Maryland is fortunate to have a legislature full of supporters for strong environmental legislation. Every year, Maryland LCV rewards these elected officials with high marks on our annual legislative scorecard. These marks, however, don't always allow us to tell the full story of our greatest champions: the Delegates and Senators whose annual scores don't truly reflect their leadership on environmental issues.

This is why Maryland LCV created the Maryland Green Champion Award, to showcase and celebrate the legislators whose leadership rises above and beyond their voting record. This high honor will be awarded each year to Delegates and Senators who meet the following standards:

- 100% score in the previous year
- Lifetime scores since 2003 (or current and previous two legislative terms) above 95%
- Primary sponsor for at least one major LCV legislative priority in previous three years.
- Not supporting LCV opposed legislation on Hot List during that legislative session.